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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

1 10. (Newly Added) In a recording and reproduction apparatus receiving
2 an access command from an external device, the access command being one of a
3 raw access command and a non-raw access command, and the raw access
4 command including one of read data and write data.

5 a method of controlling access to a data storage region in the recording and
6 reproduction apparatus comprising the steps of:

7 (a) receiving an access command from the external device; (b) determining
8 if the access command is a raw access command of read data;

9 (c) if step (b) determines that the access command is a raw access command
10 of read data, permitting access to the external device which issued the raw access
11 command;

12 (d) if step (b) determines that the access command is a raw access
13 command of write data, performing the following steps:

14 (i) authenticating the external device which issued the
15 raw access command; and